



RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-18, 1000 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-18 by 1000 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- Discussion surrounding the Windsor Blockade has decreased steadily as more attention is focused on Ottawa.
- There is conflicting information about the status of the Blue Water Bridge, claiming there are no issues while another Twitter user claims the bridge is blocked.

NIAGARA REGION

The majority of posts observed this morning on Niagara social media sites are regarding the ongoing activity in Ottawa, rather than local events. Any events planned for this upcoming weekend are not openly publicized. Some organizers of previous demonstrations may have left the area. Members of the "Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022" have posted on Facebook announcing their arrival in Ottawa and uploaded videos walking within the protest area last night.ⁱ

In case of local demonstrations this weekend, a member of the "Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022" Facebook group has posted a TikTok video reminding truck drivers to take their caging bolts when they leave their trucks unattended. This would prevent the wheels from turning and tow trucks would be unable to move the vehicles.ⁱⁱ

Peace Bridge/Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern observed since the last report.

CORNWALL

No posts of concern observed since the last report.

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WINDSOR

Facebook groups concerning the blockade have changed their account settings to private. Online discussion concerning the blockade in Windsor continues to decrease as more attention is focused on Ottawa. Windsor Police posted traffic restrictions on Huron Church Road (Figure 1).ⁱⁱⁱ



Figure 1 Map Tweeted by Windsor Police

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SARNIA

Conflicting information concerning the status of the Blue Water Bridge has been posted on multiple accounts. Twitter user @Personal [REDACTED] states the bridge is blocked on both the Canadian and American sides^{iv} (Figure 2), while the Blue Water Bridge Twitter account states that traffic is normal and flowing freely with no interruptions (Figure 3).^v



Figure 2 Tweet showing an alleged blocked Blue Water Bridge, @Personal [REDACTED]



Figure 3 Blue Water Bridge updates, no traffic issues

SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

LIIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

DISSEMINATION

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i Personal Info.

accessed 2022-02-18.

iii [U] Twitter account for Windsor Police, <http://twitter.com/windsorpolice>, accessed 2022-02-18

iv [U] Twitter account **Personal**, <http://twitter.com/jimjinsunglee>, accessed 2022-02-18

v [U] Twitter account @bluewaterbridge, <http://twitter.com/bluewaterbridge>, accessed 2022-02-18